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Hazel M. Combs appointed Community Services and Local Facilities Deputy Commissioner.

FRANKFORT – Department of Corrections Commissioner Vertner L. Taylor today announced the appointment of Hazel M. Combs, 43, as the deputy commissioner of community services and local facilities. She will replace Vertner L. Taylor who became Commissioner of the Department August 16, 2001.

Combs is currently the interim director and assistant director of the division of probation and parole. The division is responsible for managing the 21,525 offender population on probation and parole in the community.

“Ms. Combs has a wealth of knowledge and experience in all areas of our operation and will be a powerful adjunct to my executive staff,” said Commissioner Taylor.

Ms. Combs, a Louisville native, received her education at the University of Louisville with a degree in corrections and earned her masters degree in justice administration.

She began her career with the Department of Corrections in 1979 as a probation and parole officer in Louisville. She went on to serve as a program administrator responding to inmate grievances. She has been in her current position since 1986 serving as the assistant director of probation and parole.

“I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve in this management role. I look forward to working with the dedicated probation and parole staff who have the difficult task of dealing with offenders in the community and the devoted staff of local facilities who assist in managing the ever expanding class d and c population in local jails,” said Combs.

Ms. Combs lives in Lexington with her husband, John David; they have one child Bentley.